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Gazette at half cost to Co-operative Societies.

READ—

Letter No. 5727—C. S. dated the 14th April 1930, from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Mysore, forwarding a copy of the resolution passed at the Sixteenth Mysore Provincial Co-operative Conference held at Mysore during October 1929, requesting for the supply of *Mysore Gazette*, at half-cost, to Co-operative Societies and recommending sanction to the concession prayed for.

ORDER THEREON No. G. 2429-30—P. & S. 7-29-46, DATED 25TH AUGUST 1930.

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies states that many of the big Co-operative Institutions in the Urban and Rural areas are maintaining free reading rooms for the benefit of not only their members but also of the general public and that the grant of the concession prayed for in the resolution of the Co-operative Conferences will ultimately benefit the public at large.

Government agree with this view and are pleased to sanction the supply of one copy of the Gazette, either English or Kannada, as may be desired, at half cost to such of the Co-operative Societies as may be recommended by the Registrar on the ground of their maintaining Free Reading Rooms for the benefit of not only their members but also of the general public.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Placing Mr. K. S. Rama Iyer, in connection with the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of Indian Guests during the ensuing of Dasara Festivities.

ORDER NO. O. 818-27—O. E. 36-30-1, DATED 30TH AUGUST 1930.

Mr. K. S. Rama Iyer, B.A., Registrar, General and Revenue Secretariat, is placed on Special Duty with effect from the 13th September 1930, in connection with the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of Indian Guests during the ensuing Dasara Festivities.

2. Gentlemen invited to Mysore as Guests are requested to place themselves in communication with that Officer for any information or assistance they may require in connection with accommodation, conveyance, etc., at Mysore.

3. The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, President, City Municipal Council and the Executive Engineer, Special Division, Mysore are requested to render all reasonable help to the Officer on Special Duty.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Season and Crop Report of the Mysore State for the year 1928-29.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. C. Per A 24—29-30, dated 21st June 1930, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding the Season and Crop Report of the State, for the year 1928-29, with his review thereon, on the several tables of the Report.

2. Letter No. Roc. 2218—28-29, dated 8th February 1930, from the Director of Agriculture in Mysore forwarding his remarks on the above report.

ORDER NO. D. 2261-2319—STCS. 31-29-8, DATED 25TH AUGUST 1930.

Recorded.

The report was received nearly three months after the due date. Government trust that such delay will be avoided in future.

The average rainfall during the year under review was 42·12 inches as against 37·31 during the previous year showing an increase of 4·81 inches. The "Mungar" rains were timely and well distributed in the Tumkur, Hassan, Kadur and Shimoga Districts; but they were not so favourable in parts of Bangalore, Kolar, Mysore and Chitaldrug Districts.

Area of the State and its Classification.—The total area of the State by professional survey is 18,894,269 acres as against 18,897,962 acres at which it was given in the year previous, the apparent decrease being stated to be due to correct revised figures having been furnished for the Kolar and Kadur Districts. Of this total area 1,326,904 acres consist of alienated tracts such as, Jahgirs, Jodi villages, etc. The balance of 17,567,365 acres represents the net area of the State as against 17,573,845 acres during the year 1927-28.

Out of the total of 17,567,365 acres, 1,842,998 acres were covered by forests and 6,943,235 acres were not available for cultivation being public topes, Government plantations and lands reserved for pasture or covered by buildings, water courses and roads or appropriated for purposes other than agriculture. The extent of cultivable waste was 6,36,465 acres. The remaining extent of 8,144,667 acres was in occupancy as against 8,080,294 during 1927-28. The total area actually brought under cultivation increased from 6,500,245 acres to 6,587,700 acres during the year under review, showing an increase of 87,455 acres in the net area cropped during the year.

The area under current fallows decreased from 1,580,049 acres to 1,556,967 acres.

An extent of 1,069,718 acres of land was irrigated from several sources of irrigation such as canals, tanks, wells, etc., as against 1,139,695 in the previous year showing a decrease of 69,977 acres and the gross area under irrigated crops also showed a decrease of 54,424, the acreage under this head for the previous year and the year under review being 1,107,720 and 1,162,144 respectively.

Specification of Crops.—The total area cropped during the year under review was 6,761,609 as against 6,683,830 during the year previous. Deducting 1,73,909 acres, being the area cropped more than once, the remaining 6,587,700 acres represent the net area cropped during the year, thus showing an increase of 87,455 acres over the corresponding figures of the year previous.

Among the food crops, the areas under rice, wheat and ragi showed an increase, while the areas under cholum, horse-gram and sugar-cane showed a decrease. The area under ragi which forms the most important and staple food grain of the State increased from 2,298,513 to 2,326,262 acres showing an increase of 27,749 acres.

The area under ground-nut also showed an increase by 55,957 acres, there being a general increase in the area in all the districts except Hassan, and the Chitaldrug district contributing to the increase by 29,506 acres or about 52 per cent thereof.

Incidence of land revenue.—The incidence of land revenue was Rs. 2-5-5 as against Rs. 2-5-3 in the previous year.

Exports and Imports.—During the year under review, raw cotton, tanning bark, turmeric, copra, gram and pulse, wheat, wheat flour, ground-nut, cardamom and tobacco were exported in larger quantities than in the previous year.

Fresh fruits and vegetables, cocoanut, rice (not in husk), wheat, castor, sugar (both refined and unrefined) and jaggery were imported in larger quantities than in the year 1927-28.

Government regret to observe that in spite of the remarks made in the last year's review regarding the accuracy of the statistics furnished, no improvement is observable. On the contrary, there seems to have been greater slackness in the compilation of these figures both in the District and the Revenue Commissioner's Offices.

There were errors and omissions which could have been detected with a very moderate degree of scrutiny, and the figures were received in a state which involved much labour in reconciliation.

The Revenue Commissioner has proposed that the staff dealing with statistical compilation should be trained both in the districts and in the taluks. This would no doubt be useful in its way, but the whole subject deserves more comprehensive treatment, and it would be valuable if the figures received could not only be correctly compiled but also tested for correctness by co-ordination with the intimate knowledge

of the facts of cultivation in respect of the more important crops, possessed by the District Staff of the Agricultural Department. To what extent, such co-ordination is possible, and how best it could be secured, are matters which are appropriately for discussion in the Development Committee and the Revenue Commissioner is requested to prepare a scheme in consultation with the Director of Agriculture and submit it for the consideration of Government.

B. NARAYANASWAMI IYENGAR,
Offg. *Secretary to Government,*
Development Departments.

LAW SECRETARIAT.

Standing Committees of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council.

READ—

Paragraphs 54 and 55 of Government Order No. 1367-1426—C. B.-100-23-1, dated 27th October 1923, sanctioning the formation of three Standing Committees, one in connection with Railway, Electrical and Public Works Departments, one in connection with Local Self-Government and the Departments of Medicine, Sanitation and Public Health, and the third in connection with Finance and Taxation.

(2) Notification No. P. 6526—R. A. 41-23-1, dated 28th May 1924, prescribing the rules governing the Standing Committees referred to in the order read above, and limiting the term of office of the members of the Committees to one year.

(3) Notification No. Rel. 1432—R. A. 93-29-4, dated 19th June 1930, publishing the names of the members elected by the Representative Assembly to the panels for the three Standing Committees referred to above.

(4) Notification No. Rel. 14—L. C. 35-29-1, dated 7th July 1930, publishing the names of the members elected by the Legislative Council to the panels for the abovesaid Standing Committees.

ORDER NO. R. L. 66-75—R. A. 2-30-1, DATED 22ND—25TH AUGUST 1930.

The Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to direct that for the year 1930-31, the three Standing Committees referred to in the first of the orders read above shall consist of the following members who have been selected out of the panels referred to in the second and the third Notifications read above:—

I. STANDING COMMITTEE FOR FINANCE AND TAXATION.

1. Mr. V. Venkatappa, Representative Assembly Member, Channapatna.
2. „ B. L. Byanna, Representative Assembly Member, Bangalore City.
3. „ Mande Patel Manje Gowda, Representative Assembly Member and Coffee Planter, Banakal.
4. „ B. M. Muniswamappa, Representative Assembly Member, Byappanhalli, Bangalore Taluk.
5. „ G. Channappa, B.A., LL.B., Member, Legislative Council, Davangere.
6. „ D. H. Chandrasekharaiya, B.A., LL.B., Legislative Council Member, Davangere.

II. STANDING COMMITTEE FOR LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF MEDICINE, SANITATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

1. Mr. D. S. Mallappa, Representative Assembly Member, Tiptur.
2. „ L. Vema Reddi, Representative Assembly Member, Malur.
3. Capt. Y. V. Ayya, Representative Assembly Member, Bangalore City.
4. Khan Bahadur Mahomed Abbas Khan, Representative Assembly Member, Bangalore City.
5. Mr. H. B. Gundappa, B.A., B.L., Legislative Council Member, Hassan.
6. Dr. D. S. Ramachandra Rao, M.A., M.D., Legislative Council Member, Bangalore City.

III. STANDING COMMITTEE FOR RAILWAYS, PUBLIC WORKS AND ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENTS.

1. Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddi, B.A., B.L., Representative Assembly Member, Kyasamballi, Bowringpet Taluk.
2. „ N. V. Narayana Murthi, B.A., B.L., Representative Assembly Member, Bangalore City.
3. „ G. K. Mallappa, Representative Assembly Member, Tiptur.
4. „ S. Nanjayya Setti, Representative Assembly Member, Madhugiri.
5. „ B. L. Byanna, Member, Legislative Council, Bangalore City.
6. „ P. Murugesam Pillay, Legislative Council Member, Bangalore.